



BUNCOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 1996



IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 24

This has been an active and successful year for the Society, and there's a lot to come with our Centennial celebration, so make plans now to attend our annual membership meeting on **Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m.**

Last year more than 30 members attended, and it was a great chance to see old friends and meet new ones.

The meeting will be held at the home of Reeve and Lyn Hennion at Buncom, 3232 Little Applegate Road.

If you haven't been to Buncom recently, it's also a great opportunity to see the new doors and windows in the Post Office. And we hope by that time to have a new covering of tarpaper on the roofs of the Bunkhouse and Cookhouse.

The primary topic of the official part of the meeting will be the Post Office Centennial set for Buncom Day on Saturday, May 25 -- the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. Some plans are already in the works which you have read about in previous newsletters, but we need your ideas to make the celebration as fun and inviting as possible.

We'll also be looking for your thoughts on what other activities (if any) the Society should undertake, and how we should proceed with further preservation of the buildings.

We'll have refreshments, and an opportunity for socializing. We expect to be finished by 4 p.m.

We'd like to have a rough idea of how many to expect (and provide refreshments

for), so we have enclosed a a form to return. Or you can call the Hennions at 899-7656 (area code 541 if you're reading this from a distance) and just leave a message on their answering machine. But don't stand on formality -- if you decide to come at the last minute, that's great! We'll make sure we have extra cookies.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR DUES

If you haven't already renewed your membership for 1996, please send it in now. If you aren't sure, look at the mailing label on this newsletter. If it has a "T" at the bottom, you've renewed. If there is an "F", you haven't. The dues remain the same, \$5.00 per family per year. You also get one of our colorful Centennial membership certificates, and a subscription to this quarterly newsletter.

SOCIETY TO MARK FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The Buncom Historical Society will celebrate its fifth anniversary on April 24. It was on that date in 1991 that we filed our non-profit incorporation papers with the state of Oregon. There were only eight members at the time -- now we are approaching 200!

IT'S NOT LONG UNTIL OUR CENTENNIAL BUNCOM DAY!

We hope you have **Saturday, May 25**, marked on your calendar. That's the date of our Centennial celebration at Buncom. It was just 100 years ago, in 1896, that the Post Office opened for business and remained open for more than two decades.

Bring the family! Bring your friends!

The Post Office will be open again for the Centennial Buncom Day. There will be a commemorative cancellation, and special envelopes and post cards, for those of you who would like your mail to sport a Buncom postmark.

We have many activities planned, including arts and crafts vendors and children's activities. The Applegate River Ranch House will return with their red oak barbecue, and we'll have live musical entertainment. The Valley of the Rogue Bank's stagecoach will be on hand to give rides and carry away the mail. We may even have some (short) speeches to mark the occasion.

The hours will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE CENTENNIAL

If you'd like to help with the Centennial -- a little or a lot -- please let Carolyn Roberts or Connie Fowler know. You can tell them at the annual membership meeting, or call them (their numbers are in the next column).

We're looking for volunteers for such things as putting together activities, staffing booths, and helping to set up and clean up.

BUNCOM'S INTERNET PAGE BRINGS HOME A LITTLE CLOSER

Buncom has reached Bangkok, Thailand! Society members John and Marguerite Black report that their son, Jared, an engineer who works in Thailand for Unocal, discovered Buncom on the Internet. When we set up the page, we thought it would be fun to promote our old town on the high-tech Internet, but we didn't realize that for some of us and our loved ones far away, it would be a small reminder of home.



We've also had some welcome comments from Society members and others (one in Australia)

about the page. More than 1,000 people have looked at it so far.

And we're proud to report that the Buncom page was named to the top 5% of all Web pages on the Internet by Point Communications, which rates all the sites!

You can find the Buncom Web page at <http://www.mind.net/buncom/>. We were the first Ghost Town on the Internet -- and as far as we can tell, we're the only one!

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The Buncom Historical Society is a non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving the buildings history of the ghost town of Buncom, Oregon.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Yes, please start/renew my/our membership for 1996.
Enclosed is the \$5.00 tax-deductible dues.

Membership includes a subscription to the quarterly newsletter and a certificate suitable for framing. The certificate this year will make special note of the 1996 Buncom Centennial.

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